

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Mounting arrangement ~~(13)~~ for attaching an electrically powered stapler ~~(5)~~ mechanically and electrically to a photocopying equipment ~~(1)~~ CHARACTERISED IN THAT the mounting arrangement ~~(13)~~ comprises a mechanical mounting device ~~(15)~~ for connecting the stapler ~~(5)~~ to the photocopying equipment ~~(1)~~, which mounting device ~~(15)~~ comprises a first attachment piece ~~(16)~~ connected to the stapler and a second attachment piece ~~(17)~~ connected to the photocopying equipment, and an electrical mounting device ~~(26)~~ for connecting the stapler electrically to a power supply ~~(23)~~, which mounting devices ~~(15)~~ and ~~(26)~~ comprising an integrated unit.

2. (currently amended) Mounting arrangement ~~(13)~~ in accordance with claim 1 CHARACTERISED IN THAT the mechanical attachment pieces ~~(16)~~ and ~~(17)~~ are provided with a guide arrangement consisting of guide rails ~~(20, 21)~~ integral with one of the attachment pieces ~~(16) alt. 17)~~ and guide runners ~~(18, 19)~~ integral with the other

attachment piece ~~(17 alt. 16)~~ and which guide rails and runners engage with each other when the stapler ~~(5)~~ is mounted in the photocopying equipment~~(1)~~.

3. (currently amended) Mounting arrangement ~~(13)~~ in accordance with claim 2, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the mechanical mounting device ~~(15)~~ comprises a snap-action latch ~~(27, 28, 29)~~ which secures the two attachment pieces ~~(16, 17)~~ to each other when the said parts are connected.

4. (currently amended) A mounting arrangement ~~(13)~~ in accordance with ~~any of the foregoing claims~~claim 1, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the electrical mounting device ~~(26)~~ comprises a first connecting part ~~(24)~~ attached to one of the mechanical attachment pieces ~~(16 alt. 17)~~ and a second connecting part ~~(25)~~ attached to the other mechanical attachment piece ~~(17 alt. 16)~~, and that the said first and second connecting parts are joined to form an ~~electrically~~electrical connection when the mechanical attachment pieces are assembled together.

5. (new) A mounting arrangement in accordance with claim 2, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the electrical mounting

device comprises a first connecting part attached to one of the mechanical attachment pieces and a second connecting part attached to the other mechanical attachment piece , and that the said first and second connecting parts are joined to form an electrical connection when the mechanical attachment pieces are assembled together.

6. (new) A mounting arrangement in accordance with claim 3, CHARACTERISED IN THAT the electrical mounting device comprises a first connecting part attached to one of the mechanical attachment pieces and a second connecting part attached to the other mechanical attachment piece , and that the said first and second connecting parts are joined to form an electrical connection when the mechanical attachment pieces are assembled together.